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SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 4-10

1. CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE MEETING -- ON MAY 5 THE CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT THE U.S. WILL VOTE AGAINST TWO UPCOMING IDB NON-BASIC HUMAN NEEDS LOANS FOR EL SALVADOR; AS ONE OF THE APPLICATIONS IS FOR FSO, OUR NEGATIVE VOTE WILL AMOUNT TO A VETO. (A DELEGATION CONSISTING OF DAS SHELTON AND HA'S MARK SCHNEIDER WENT TO SAN SALVADOR ON MAY 9 TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS THERE WITH GOES OFFICIALS.) THE CHRISTOPHER

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COMMITTEE ALSO ACTED TO APPROVE ALL PENDING HUMAN NEEDS LOANS AND GRANTS FOR NICARAGUA, AGREED TO MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT STANCE OF ABSTAINING ON ARGENTINE IFI LOAN APPLICATIONS, AND VOTED AGAINST APPROVAL OF A CHILEAN NON-BASIC HUMAN NEEDS LOAN. IT WAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO VOTE FOR A BASIC HUMAN NEEDS LOAN FOR URUGUAY BUT WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT A CASE FOR

ABSTENTION.

2. VISIT OF PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER -- FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE MET WITH MRS. CARTER ON MAY 5 TO DISCUSS PERU'S PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. HE EXPLAINED THE LIMITS

TO AUSTERITY MEASURES THAT PERU CAN TAKE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IMPACT SUCH MEASURES WOULD HAVE. DE LA PUENTE MET WITH SECRETARY VANCE ON MAY 8 AND ADVISED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IMF ARE PROGRESSING WELL. HE HOPES THE IMF WILL BE ABLE TO ADVISE PRIVATE BANKS THAT IT APPROVES THE AUSTERITY MEASURES PERU PLANS TO TAKE, AND THAT BRIDGE LOANS FROM THE BANKS CAN THEN BE ARRANGED. THE SECRETARY PROMISED OUR SUPPORT WITHIN OUR OWN LIMITATIONS.

3. VISIT OF GUATEMALAN VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT -- GUATEMALAN VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT VILLAGRAN, IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK, OUTLINED HIS THINKING ON BELIZE, WHICH INCLUDED A REGIONAL CONFERENCE, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BELIZE AND A TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT SLIGHTLY LESS FORTHCOMING THAN THE ONE LAUGERUD TENTATIVELY AGREED TO. HE OBVIOUSLY HAD NOT YET BEEN BRIEFED ON THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED BELIZE, NICARAGUA AND OTHER SUBJECTS WITH TORRIJOS AND CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. HE BELIEVES SOMOZA MUST GO AND SAID THE LUCAS GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO THE SANDI-
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NISTAS AND WORK, SHORT OF INTERVENTION, FOR SOMOZA'S OUSTER. HE AND LUCAS WILL ALSO TRY TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE IN EL SALVADOR. WE DO NOT YET KNOW HOW MUCH INFLUENCE VILLAGRAN KRAMER WILL EXERCISE WITH LUCAS OR HOW MANY OF HIS THOUGHTS REFLECT THE VIEWS OF LUCAS.

4. IDB REPLENISHMENT -- NAC ALTERNATES MEET MAY 10 TO CONSIDER A U.S. POSITION ON IDB REPLENISHMENT FOR A MAY 30-31 MEETING OF IDB CONVERTIBLE-CURRENCY CONTRIBUTORS. DIFFERENCES CENTER PARTICULARLY ON THE FUND FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS. THERE IS BROAD AGREEMENT THAT FSO SHOULD FOCUS MORE ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. WE WANT TO DO THAT PRINCIPALLY BY STRENGTHENING FSO PROJECT CRITERIA RATHER THAN BY EXCLUDING (ON PER CAPITA GNP GROUNDS) ALL BUT 12 MEMBER COUNTRIES FROM BORROWING FSO CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES, AS TREASURY SUGGESTS. WE WILL PRESS FOR CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT U.S. SHARE AND NOMINAL ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO FSO AND FOR REAL GROWTH IN TOTAL IDB LENDING OF AROUND FIVE PERCENT A YEAR, SIMILAR TO WHAT IS PLANNED FOR OTHER DEVELOPMENT BANKS.

5. UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS HEARINGS -- ON MAY 10 THE SENATE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OPENS HEARINGS ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED LEGISLATION DEALING WITH THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS PROBLEM. THE ADMINISTRATION LEADOFF WITNESS WILL BE ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL, FOLLOWED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER. THE FOLLOWING WEEK, ON MAY 18, DAS SHELTON, TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADOR MARSHALL GREEN, COORDINATOR FOR

POPULATION AFFAIRS, AND EB DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HORMATS, WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE HOUSE INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE TO TESTIFY ON THE FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS PROBLEM.

6. SSOD -- ADAM YARMOLINSKY, COUNSELOR OF ACDA, BRIEFED ARA ON MAY 10 ON THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, SECRET

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SCHEDULED FOR MAY 23 TO JUNE 28, IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THE U.S. HAD THREE MAJOR GOALS -- TO GAIN RECOGNITION OF THE PROGRESS TOWARDS DISARMAMENT MADE BY THE U.S. AND ITS NEGOTIATING PARTNERS THROUGH SUCH TALKS AS SALT II AND CTB; TO ACHIEVE GREATER WORLDWIDE COOPERATION ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND ARMS RESTRAINT; AND TO PRESENT SOME U.S. INITIATIVES. THESE COULD INCLUDE NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES AND MOVES TO CUT OFF THE PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS GRADE FISSIONABLE MATERIAL. SOVIET OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO USE THE CONFERENCE FOR PROPAGANDA, AND TO PROMOTE THEIR OWN WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, WHICH WE OPPOSE. THE NON-ALIGNED WILL LOOK FOR CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND WILL URGE THE U.S. AND THE SOVIETS TO MOVE BEYOND SALT II AND CTB. THIS WILL BE A DIFFICULT CONFERENCE WHERE WE CANNOT EXPECT GREAT MOVES FORWARD OR SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WE HOPE TO SEE ENHANCEMENT OF AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO REAL PROGRESS ON DISARMAMENT. VANCE

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